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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
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SUBJECT: **2018-19 Online California Dream Act Application**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the release of the 2018-19 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) to align with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on **October 1, 2017**. The CADAA can be found on our Dream Act web portal located at www.caldreamact.org.

In preparation for the new award season, the Commission has updated the 2018-19 CADAA in consultation with the California Dream Act Workgroup and other key stakeholders, with the intent to further protect student information.

Updates to the 2018-19 CADAA will include the following:

- Removal of Question 8(a): *If you entered an SSN in question 8, was it issued after you went through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) process?*
- Removal of Question 23(a): *Most males between 18 and 25, including undocumented males, must register with the U.S. Selective Service System to be eligible to receive state financial aid. If you are male, age 18 to 25, or will turn 18 before July 1, 2017, fill in this box if you would like us to register you.*
- Removal of Question 31: *If your campus offers a student loan program, would you be interested in a student loan? Indicating "Yes" does not obligate you to accept a loan, if offered.*

Important Reminders

- Undocumented students who meet AB 540 requirements are eligible to apply through the CADAA to receive state financial aid. Meeting AB 540 requirements also allows them to qualify for in-state tuition.
- Registration with the U.S. Selective Service System is still a requirement for all male students between the ages of 18 and 25 to receive financial aid. Students without a social security number can register using the paper registration form and mailing it directly to the U.S. Selective Service System.
- Male students who are not yet 18 years of age at the time they complete their CADAA, are not required to register during this application year; even if they turn 18 within that same year. They will be required to register the following academic year.

Application Support

- Complete instructions for CADAA, including online support for each question, are available at www.caldreamact.org
- Phone support for students filing the CADAA is available from the Commission's Customer Support staff at (888) 224-7268, or questions can be emailed to caldreamact@csac.ca.gov. Spanish speaking staff are available to assist students and parents in understanding the application process.
- The 2018-19 CADAA documents, forms and other resources are also available on the www.caldreamact.org home page under the Dream Act information & resources link for your use.
- Technical reference documents such as the Cal ISIR file specification and other documents can be found on the Commission's [website](#).

Please refer to [GSA 2017-31](#), on the Commission response to termination of the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program by the federal government. This notification clarifies that DACA status is not required to be eligible for California college admission or financial aid in California.

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